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2. On October 25, 2001, Ms. Viksnins filed an Amendment and Response under 37 CFR 1.116, including a Declaration of Shohei Koide under 37 CFR 1.132, and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, which were prepared for mailing by me.
3. On October 25, 2001, I signed the Certificate of Mailing under 1.8 on each of the above-noted documents and on a transmittal sheet; I placed these documents with a return postcard in an envelope addressed to BOX AF, Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C. 20231; and on October 25, 2001, I deposited the envelope with the United States Postage Service with sufficient postage as first class mail.
4. The copies of documents being submitted to Examiner Helms herewith are true and correct copies of the documents originally mailed on October 25, 2001.
5. In response to Examiner Helms' telephone call to Ms. Viksnins on November 28, 2001 regarding Amendment and Response, I made diligent inquiries within our office and with our docket clerks to determine whether the return receipt postcard date-stamped by the USPTO had been received. It had not; our docket clerks reported that as of this date, the latest-dated return postcards received had been for mailings dated October 15, 2001.
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